

Rocket Found By Fisherman

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Chilliwack, British Columbia A fisherman from the Soowahile First Nation (a tribe) caught more than just fish in his nets while out on the Chilliwack River. The fisherman pulled up a 3.5 inch rocket. A local Canadian EOD unit was called in to provide technical ordnance support. Canadian EOD identified the item a 3.5 inch bazooka round with an inert warhead which posed no explosives safety threat. It is believed that the bazooka round came from a former range on the Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Chilliwack.

CFB Chilliwack was a Canadian military base that was closed in 1995 after 55 years as an active military installation. The installation had several training ranges and impact areas. A UXO cleanup was done in the late 1990s after the base closed. A Chief from the Soowahile First Nation was relieved to hear that the item found by the fisherman posed no explosive safety threat but expressed concern over the reliability of the cleanup effort.

